

SPECIAL SESSION – ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL

December 6, 2002

10:30 a.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in special session on Friday, December 6, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., in the City Council Chamber, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, Virginia, with Vice-Mayor C. Nelson Harris presiding, pursuant to Section 10, Meetings of Council of the Charter of the City of Roanoke.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, William H. Carder, Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Linda F. Wyatt and Vice-Mayor C. Nelson Harris-----5.

ABSENT: Council Member M. Rupert Cutler and Mayor Ralph K. Smith-----2.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance; and Mary F. Parker, City Clerk.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Vice-Mayor Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor Harris.

ZONING-ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER-STADIUM: The Vice-Mayor advised that the special meeting was called pursuant to the following communication from the City Manager:

“December 4, 2002

**The Honorable Mayor and Members
of City Council
Roanoke, Virginia**

Dear Mayor Smith and Members of City Council:

Pursuant to §10, Meetings of Council, of the Charter of the City of Roanoke, I am calling a Special Meeting of Roanoke City Council to be held in Council

Chambers, 4th Floor, Municipal Building, on Friday, December 6, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of considering authorizing the filing of an amended petition to rezone the stadium/amphitheatre property.

Sincerely yours,
s/ Darelene L. Burcham
Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

c: Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Mary F. Parker, City Clerk”

Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:

(#36153-120602) A RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of a petition to rezone property which is owned by the City of Roanoke and which is designated as Official Tax Nos. 3070301, 3070302, 3070303, 3070304, 3070305, 3070306, 3070307, 3070308, 3070309, 3070310, 3070313, 3070314, 3070315, 3070316, 2041816, 2041817, 3070501 and 3070318 and property which is owned by Calvin W. and Mary C. Powers and Theodore J. and Judy P. Sutton and which is designated as Official Tax No. 3070321.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 67, page 1.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 36153-120602. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dowe.

Mr. Jim Fields, 17 Ridgecrest Road, Hardy, Virginia, spoke in support of preserving Victory Stadium in memory of those veterans who served in World War II. He advised that Victory Stadium should be declared a historic landmark and used for outdoor events, such as the Fourth of July celebration, etc., and it is hoped that the \$18 million which is to be used for construction of a new stadium/amphitheatre is a wise use of taxpayers' money.

The City Manager presented copy of a petition that is proposed to be filed on behalf of the City of Roanoke before the close of the day, provided that the above referenced measure is approved by Council. She called attention to the following proffers: (1) the property shall be used only for a coliseum, stadium, exhibit hall or similar facility or facilities; (2) provision of on-site parking shall include no less than 750 parking spaces and shall not exceed a maximum of 900 parking spaces; (3) there shall be no more than two points of vehicular ingress to or egress from, the

property with those two points of access limited to one point on Courtland Road, N. E., and one point on Carver Avenue, N. E.; (4) landscaping consisting of deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses, ground covers, and vines, shall be planted and maintained on at least 15 per cent of the total site area; and (5) stadium field irrigation shall be supplemented by a rain water harvesting system which should reduce the dependence of the facility on the public water supply and reduce storm water run off. She stated that it is believed that this is a significantly different application than the one previously filed and the approval of Council is requested in order to file the petition. At the time of filing, she advised that a joint public hearing before the Council and the City Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, will be requested.

For the record, Council Member Bestpitch asked that the City Manager confirm that the traffic and parking plan for the stadium/amphitheater complex has been completed, the City has identified the cost of implementing the plan, and any person who wishes to review costs, or how costs will be covered, may contact the City Manager's Office to obtain such information. The City Manager responded in the affirmative to all of the above.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 36153-120202 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Dowe, Wyatt and Vice-Mayor Harris-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Member Cutler and Mayor Smith were absent.)

There being no further business, the Vice-Mayor declared the special meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:

Mary F. Parker
City Clerk

Ralph K. Smith
Mayor
